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ON TO WASHINGTON AGAINST DOGFISH!

Massachusetts Delegation Ready for Fight Against Pest.

NEW BILL PROVIDES FOR BOUNTY AND AN- NUAL APPROPRIATION.

Also for Locations, Works and Employees To Receive and Ad-
vantageously Dispose of Fish.

A BILL

To protect our national supply of food fish by the destruction of dogfish or
dogfish sharks.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled,

That a bounty shall be paid by the United States of America for
each dogfish or dogfish shark caught and destroyed upon the delivery
to the United States government authorities of the whole or such
portion of such dogfish or dogfish shark, as may be required, at such
vessels, works or places as may be designated and under such regula-
tions as may be prescribed, by the Department of Commerce and
Labor.

Section 2. The Department of Commerce and Labor is hereby
authorized to designate, provide and furnish, or cause to be provided
or furnished, suitable locations, vessels, works, buildings or apparatus
and any other material necessary, for the receiving and making
proper disposition of said dogfish or dogfish sharks and to designate
suitable places for receiving the same, to provide a sufficient force of
employees to operate the same, and to do all things necessary to provide
suitable ways of receiving said dogfish, advantageously disposing of
same, paying said bounty and carrying into effect fully the provisions
of this act.

Section 3. The amount of said bounty shall be fixed by the De-
partment of Commerce and Labor, and said Department shall an-
nually, in the estimates made to the Congress of the United States
of the sums required or deemed necessary to be raised for its Depart-
ment, recommend such a sum to carry out the provisions of this bill
as it deems requisite to accomplish the purposes herein intended, and
which shall include all sums necessary for carrying out completely the
objects herein sought, namely, the destruction of said dogfish.

Section 4. The sum of — dollars is hereby appropriated for
the purposes of this act.

Section 5. This act shall take effect on its passage.

Massachusetts has practically completed the
preparation of its case against the dogfish pest,
and the evidence will be presented at a hear-
ing before the congressional committee on
merchant marine and fisheries at Washington
on Tuesday.

Ex-Representative Edwin C. McIntire of
this city, to whom undoubtedly belongs the
credit of taking the initiative for securing leg-
islation to protect the fisherman against the
ravages of the dogfish, has been at work for

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some time drafting a bill as a substitute for the
one now in the hands of the committee at
Washington. He took the proposed measure
as published above to Prof. George W. Field
of the Massachusetts Fish and Game Commis-
sion at Boston yesterday, and that official after
a careful perusal and making a few minor
changes was very much pleased with its pro-
visions and complimented Mr. McIntire on the
manner in which he had handled the matter.

At the hearing Massachusetts will be rep-
resented by Prof. Field, Senator Harding of
the Cape district, and Representative McIn-
tire. Statistics and other arguments in the
form of printed matter, etc., to be used in the
arguments in securing the legislation, were
packed and shipped to Washington yesterday,
and Prof. Field left at the same time. Messrs.
McIntire and Harding will leave Boston at
midnight tomorrow and on Monday forenoon
the Massachusetts delegation will hold a con-
ference with the Bureau of Fisheries.

It will be noticed that in the above bill, the
provision for an appropriation is left blank,
this being done for the reason that after a dis-
cussion of the question in Washington, it can
be determined to better advantage how much
money to ask for.

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BIG TRIP.

Sch. Massachusetts Found Good Fishing on Grand Bank.

Sch. Massachusetts, Capt. John J. Carroll,
which arrived here Saturday afternoon, had
one of the best trips of the season. The craft
had been fishing on Grand Bank and had
30,000 pounds of fresh halibut, 60,000 pounds
of fresh codfish and 12,000 pounds of salt cod-
fish. On the last set they took 11,000 pounds
of halibut. Capt. Carroll reports bad weather
during the last half of February.

TRAWLER SPRAY AT BOSTON.

Was Out 12 Days and Has Trip of 60,000 Pounds.

The steam otter trawler Spray is at T wharf
from Georges today with 60,000 pounds of
fresh fish. The craft has been out 12 days.

Ice at Bay of Islands.

The Bay of Islands, N. F., Western Star of
last Wednesday says that the heavy drift ice
has been packed to Bay of Islands all the
week and has even filled Lark Harbor, and
that it is surprising, considering the mildness
of the season, to know that such heavy ice
could have formed.

J. C. Seeley of Bonne Bay recently took a
part cargo of frozen herring from Bay of Is-
lands, where it was sold for bait.

Capt. J. Sheppard in sch. Livonia is in
North Arm for frozen herring. The catch will
be sent to Channel.

Frozen herring for bait have been recently
shipped from Bay of Islands to Port au
Basque.

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Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Massachusetts was sold to
the New England Fish Co. at 10 cents per
pound for white and 6 cents for gray.

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FISHERMEN ON STRIKE.

Said To Be Cause of Local Men
Going West.

Local Labor Leader Makes
Announcement of This Fact.

The enterprise manifested by the fishing concerns of Anacortes, Washington, in securing men from this port to go west and man their vessels has been the subject of considerable comment in this city, and no one dared offer an answer to the query as to why the western concerns should send over 3000 miles to secure fishermen to man their fleets, when it was supposed that there were fishermen enough on the Pacific coast to man all the vessels sailing from those ports.

Councilman James A. MacDonald, who is a member of the carpenters' union and was at one time president of the Central Labor Union, met a TIMES representative Saturday afternoon and asked the latter if he really knew just why the western concerns sent so far east to secure fishermen.

The TIMES representative acknowledged that he did not know the exact cause, where upon Mr. MacDonald volunteered the information that there was a strike on among the fishermen on the Pacific coast. Mr. MacDonald, continuing, said, "The fishermen are paid \$25 per every 1000 fish caught, but the weight of the fish dressed must be 28 pounds. All fish below that weight are paid for at the rate of \$12 per 1000. The fish might be just a trifle under 28 pounds, but they come within \$12 per 1000 class. The Pacific fishermen objected to this and the strike resulted."

There is a possibility that Mr. McDonald may be mistaken in the method of measuring the fish. In the east, and that of course includes the Massachusetts and Maine markets, fish are gauged by their length, the large class of fish including those 22 inches in length or over, and the small fish those less than 22 inches. In the western fisheries it is claimed that the large fish measurement is 28 inches and all below that are classed as small fish. It may be that Mr. McDonald has confounded the measures of weight and length in reaching his deductions.

In the New England ports, however, the measurement of fish, and in speaking of those measurements salt fish are referred to, is from the point where the head is severed from the body to the end of the tail, while in the west, the measure is taken from the nose of the fish with the head on to the crotch of the tail.

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BOUNTY ON HERRING.

Newfoundland's Plan To Get Control of That Fishery.

At the opening of the Newfoundland legislature at St. John's, N. F., on Thursday, Gov. MacGregor announced the intention of the government to grant a bounty for herring, especially cured and exported, this being understood as a scheme to wrest the herring fishery from American hands and to transfer it to the hands of the colony's own people.

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FAVORS POLICY.

St. John's, N. F., Indorses Government's Proposed Bounty Move.

Measure Will Be Passed Unless Governments Reach Agreement

A despatch from St. John's, N. F., says that public sentiment there strongly indorse the government's proposed policy of providing bounty for herring, exported by local shippers as a means of checkmating the American herring catchers on the west coast.

The enactment of a measure at the present session of the legislature which will prevent a repetition next fall of the vexatious incidents of last fall's fishing, such as American fishin vessels hiring large numbers of local fishermen outside of the three-mile limit, is also favored.

Such legislation is intended, unless the negotiations now progressing between the American and British cabinets render such action unnecessary.

It is understood the colonial ministry has fully determined upon a vigorous course of action which will assure the colony adequate protection against American interference in the herring fishery and bait business.

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GALE HEAVY ON GEORGES.

Otter Trawler Spray Had
Nets Badly Torn.

VESSELS RUN UNDER BARE POLES

Sch. Pauline Parted Cable and
Sch. Diana Had Sails Torn.

From the reports of the haddockers which have arrived since Sunday, the gale of Wednesday and Thursday was very heavy on Georges.

Sch. Kentucky, which arrived here yesterday from that fishing ground, reports the gale as the heaviest of the season. Capt. McKay had his vessel hove to under two reefed foresail and during the storm saw several vessels under bare poles.

Sch. Diana, Capt. William Corkum, of this port, arrived at Boston yesterday from Georges with her foresail and jumbo badly torn. She encountered the gale in all its violence, but aside from the tearing of her sails, met with no accident. The gale lasted for nearly 60 hours and was accompanied part of the time by intensely cold weather.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Indiana, via Boston, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Kentucky, Georges, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. James S. Steele, shore.
Sch. Ramona, shore.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, shore.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Salt handline Georges codfish, \$5.25 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for medium.

Salt trawl Georges codfish, \$4.50 for large, 3.50 for medium.

Salt hake, \$1.00.

Salt haddock, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, \$2.25.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$3.50 for large, \$3.00 for medium.

Newfoundland frozen herring for bait, \$2.00 per cwt.

Shore frozen herring, for bait, \$2.50 per cwt.

Splitting prices of fresh fish: Large Eastern cod, \$1.75; medium do., \$1.25; large Western cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium do., \$1.50; haddock, 85 cts.; cusk, \$1.25; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 65 cts.

Boston.

Sch. Valentina, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 5000 haddock, 400 cod.

Sch. Viking, 3000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, 7000 haddock, 3000 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Flavilla, 9000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, 10,000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. George H. Lube, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, 25,000 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Julietta, 3000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Emily Cooney, 22,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Seaconnet, 19,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Fame, 25,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Buena, 16,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Spray, 56,000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 8000 haddock, 500 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Shepherd King, 7000 haddock.

Sch. Albert Geiger, 500 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Galatea, 2000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 6000 haddock, 7000 cod.

Sch. Quartette, 1000 haddock.

Sch. Motor, 6000 cod.

Sch. Rose Standish, 7500 cod.

Sch. Yankee, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, 11,000 haddock, 500 cod, 3500 hake.

Sch. Indiana, 50,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 3000 hake.

Haddock, \$1.60 to \$3.85; large cod, \$5.40 to \$5.50; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3.50; hake, \$2.50 to \$6; cusk, \$2.50; pollock, \$3.

Fishing Feet Movements.

Sch. Flirt was at Shelburne, N. S., last Thursday.

Capt. John J. Carroll of sch. Massachusetts reports speaking schs. Cavalier, Corona Claudia, Monitor, Theodore Roosevelt and Smuggler on Grand Bank and sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon on Western Bank.